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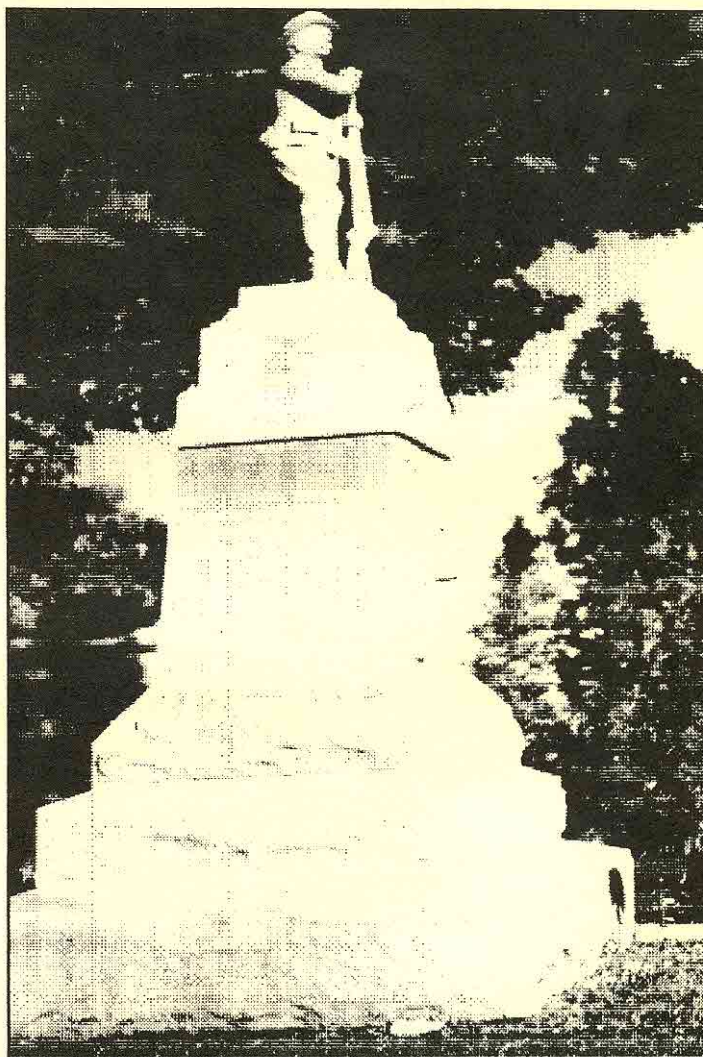
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CIVIL WAR MEMORIAL



This monument was erected in honor of veterans of the Civil War. A memorial to the unknown dead stands beside this memorial where eight Civil War unknown soldiers, who died in the St. Johns Hospital, are buried in Mt. Rest Cemetery in St. Johns. As Memorial Day approaches we honor all who served their country, especially those who gave the supreme sacrifice.

**ANNUAL MEETINGS CLINTON CO.
SOLDIERS & SAILORS ASSOC.**

*St. Johns News, 27 Sept 1900; and Clinton Independent,
5 Sept 1901, 25 Sept 1902, and 3 Sept 1903.*

The first annual meeting of the Clinton County Soldiers and Sailors' Association met September 21, 1900, in St. Johns at G.A.R. hall and the court house, according to a newspaper of the day. The group was to include "all the soldiers and sailors who have engaged in any general war in the defense of this country." Wives and widows of the servicemen were made honorary members.

A patriotic program of prayer, music, recitations, and speeches was held. Much time was also devoted to story-telling at this one-day affair. Officers elected at the first business meeting were: Wayne E. Morris, Commander; J. E. Stone, Sr. Vice Commander; J. Hubbell, Jr. Vice Commander; M. McDonald, Adjutant; H. M. Estes, Quartermaster; W. N. Stocker, Officer of the Day; Richard Lewis, Chaplain.

Accounts of the annual reunions, sometimes called "camp fires" appear in subsequent newspapers. The news articles list the names of servicemen present, their units of service, residences, and in 1903 also the veterans' ages. Residences and businesses, as well as, the court house were said to have been decorated for the event.

During the festivities of the second reunion, August 29 and 30, 1901, the cannon located at the head of Clinton Avenue was fired, "which caused much breaking of glass in the business blocks." A committee was then appointed to arrange payment for the damage done. The third meeting was held September 18 & 19, 1902.

The report of the fourth meeting on August 28 and 29, 1903, ends with the lament that, "Every year finds the number to be growing less, and it will not be long before the last one will be called upon to answer his last summons." On the following pages is a chart listing those veterans who attended the first four meetings. Many conflicts and errors in spelling and other data appear in the newspaper articles, probably mostly due to the difficulty of transcribing handwriting. In all but a few cases, presence at the 1903 meeting is indicated by the veteran's age as stated in the account for that year. The following newspapers were used to create the chart:



ANNUAL MEETINGS



**CLINTON COUNTY
SOLDIERS & SAILORS ASSOCIATION**

St. Johns News, 27 Sept 1900; and Clinton Independent, 5 Sept 1901, 25 Sept 1902, and 3 Sept 1903.

NAME	UNIT	CO	RESIDENCE	1900	1901	1902	1903
Able, William A.	16 MI Inf	E	Bath		X	X	
Acker, Benjamin	103 OH Inf	I	St. Johns	X	X	X	
Adams, Eli	PA Sh Shoot	K	St. Johns			X	
Aldrich, W.H.H.	5 MI Cav	-	Laingsburg			X	
Anderson, James	23 MI Inf	E	Maple Rapids		X		
Andrew, C.C.	23 MI Inf	A	Wacousta			X	
Annis, Andrew	23 MI Inf	A	St. Johns				69
Archie, F.	4 MI Inf	-	Ovid		X		
Armstrong, Amos	14 MI Inf	A	St. Johns	X			
Armstrong, O.	7 MI Inf	G/I	St. Johns	X	X		
Barnes, C.G.	103 OH	I	St. Johns	X			
Bartlett, George S.	5 MI Inf	F	Ovid	X			
Bartlett, George S.	11 MI Cav	B	Ovid	X			

NAME	UNIT	CO.	RESIDENCE	1900	1901	1902	1903
Bartram, Thomas	9 Vol Inf/H Art	A	DeWitt			X	
Beadle, J. Randal	8 NY Cav	D	DeWitt			X	
Beebee, Nelson W.	4 MI Vol Cav	B	St.Johns/Duplain	X	X	X	64
Benhle, Salmon	12 NY Lt Inf	E	Ovid	X			
Bennet, A.O.	10 Con	J	Wacousta	X			
Bienstadt, John	23 MI Inf	B	Fowler/Riley	X	X	X	
Birmington, Dennis	3 MI Inf	F	Shepardsville			X	
Black, Edward	1 NY Eng	A	Laingsburg			X	
Black, Mathew	24 MI Inf	I	Laingsburg			X	
Bliss, H.S.	23 MI Inf	G	Riley			X	
Bliss, Steven C.	1 MI Eng M	E	Riley			X	
Bond, Lester K.	3 MI Cav	B/D	St. Johns			X	61
Boots, Charles A./H.	151 NY Inf	H	Perrinton		X	X	
Bradner, John W.	4 MI Cav	B	St. Johns	X	X		66
Brink, Andrew	24 MI Inf	B	Laingsburg			X	
Brink, John H.	75 NY Vol Inf	F	DeWitt			X	
Brink, Reuben	9 NY Vol Inf/H Art	A	DeWitt/St.Johns		X	X	56
Bronson, J.W.	8 MI Inf	I	DeWitt			X	
Brown, F.A.	12 MI Inf	D	Elsie		X		
Brown, William	8 MI Inf	B	Union Home/St. Johns			X	60
Bull, Alonzo	10 MI Cav	-	Marion		X		
Burnes, B.E.	182 OH	A	Laingsburg			X	
Burns, Henry M.	23 MI Vol Inf	F	Wacousta			X	
Campbell, J.P.	5 US Cav	E	St. Johns			X	
Carruss, R.B.	2 MI Inf	D	St. Johns		X		
Caruss, C.I./T.	2 MI Inf	D	St. Johns	X	X	X	
Case, Edward	3 MI Inf	G	Fowler		X		
Chapman, James	5 MI Cav	G	St. Johns			X	
Coert, Jesse	140 NY Inf	G	Fowler			X	
Cole, Monroe	18/13 US Inf	D	DeWitt/St. Johns		X	X	60
Collins, James H.	4 MI Cav	D	St. Johns	X			
Conrad, L.F.	180 OH Inf	B	Lansing			X	
Courtright, James	1 Eng Mc	F	N Lansing			X	
Couter, John F.	64 OH Inf	A	St. Johns				63
Cuddyback, Henry C.	151 PA Inf	S	Laingsburg			X	
Daboll, S.B.	117 NY	G	St. Johns	X			
Densmore, C.E.	6 MI Cav	H	St. Johns			X	
Diller, Joseph	10 NY Cav	C	St. Johns		X		
Doyen/Doyne, A.R.	3 MI Cav	B	Shepardsville	X	X		
Drake, Morris B.	23 MI Inf	K	Fowler		X	X	
Drew, Fred	8 MI Inf	B	St. Johns				72
Dunlap, Alexander	102 OH Inf	K	St. Johns			X	

NAME	UNIT	CO.	RESIDENCE	1900	1901	1902	1903
Eagle, David L.	34 IL Vol Inf	B/D/R	Eureka	X	X	X	70
Edwards, James G.	3 NY Lt Art/Batt K	-	Shepardsville	X			
Emery, William	23 MI Inf	A	DeWitt		X		
Estes, Herbert M.	30 MI Inf	K	St. Johns	X		X	57
Farrier, William	17 MI Inf	E	St. Johns				69
Fells, Andrew	197 OH Inf	F	St. Johns		X		
Fields, Eli	37/127 PA Inf	B	St. Johns	X			64
Flischer, J.C.	49 PA Inf	C	Ovid			X	
Flynn, John	27 MI Inf	G/I	St. Johns	X	X	X	68
Foster, Samuel	24 MI Inf	-	Laingsburg			X	
Fowler, Charles	23 MI Inf	A	St. Johns			X	
French, D.S.	110 OH Inf	B	St. Johns				59
Gage, S.H.	1 US Inf	E	St. Johns			X	50
Gardner, William E.	33 MI Inf	G	St. Johns			X	
Gilson, William	68 OH Inf	D	St. Johns			X	70
Goddard, William	98 NY Inf	B	St. Johns		X	X	
Gower, Daniel	3 NY Lt Art	K	Eureka	X			
Granger, Andrew	20 MI Inf	B/D	St. Johns	X	X	X	
Gross, John P.	16 US Inf	F	Westphalia			X	
Grubaug, Jacob	8 MI Inf	B	St. Johns				58
Hainer, H.S.	27 MI Inf	-	Laingsburg			X	
Halstead, Lewis A.	19 NY Lt Art	-	Maple Rapids			X	
Hamilton, W.E.	8 MI Inf	G	St. Johns		X	X	58
Hammond, A.J.	102 OH Inf	-	St. Johns	X			
Hammond, W.	8 MI Inf	B	Fowler		X		
Harris, H.H.	4 MI Inf	K	St. Johns	X	X	X	63
Harris, W.	161 NY Inf	I	Perrinton		X		
Hart, H.S.	8 MI Inf	C	Ionia/St. Johns	X			63
Havens, W.	5 MI Cav	G	St. Johns		X		
Haynes, H. Hiram	27 MI Inf	I	Victor	X			
Haynes, H.H.	14 MI Inf	A	Muir, Ionia Co.	X			
Hefty, Thomas	29 MI Inf	E	St. Johns				60
Hibbard, Harry	-	-	Laingsburg			X	
Higbee, Myron	12 MI Inf	B	St. Johns	X			
Howard, Truman C.	23 MI Inf	A	Cedar Rapids, IA	X			
Howell, H.E.	10 MI Inf	I	DeWitt				63
Hubbell, John	26 MI Inf	C	Ovid	X			
Hulse, Charles A.	8 US Cav	A	St. Johns			X	
Hunt, A.O.	23 MI Inf	G	St. Johns				70
Ingersoll, Oliver	5 MI Cav	G	Eureka	X			
Ingram, Calvin	1 MI Lt Art	I/F	DeWitt			X	X
Jackway, Geo. C.	24 US Inf	C	St. Johns		X		

NAME	UNIT	CO.	RESIDENCE	1900	1901	1902	1903
Jackway E./G. A.	22 MI Inf	A/D	St. Johns	X	X	X	
Jeffres, J.R.	3 MI Cav	B	Eureka			X	
Jolley, Andrew	1 MI Eng	L	Ovid		X		
Jones, Amos S.	9 NY/MI H Art	E	St. Johns		X	X	86
Jones/Johns, Nathan E	23 MI Inf	D/G	St. Johns			X	79
Keisling, J.G.	10 NY Art	L	St. Johns		X		
Kelley, John	14 MI Inf	K	St. Johns		X	X	74
Kentfield, R. Adelbert	1 MI Eng	L	St. Johns	X	X		
Kimble, George	11 MI Cav	-	Olive		X		
Kinney, Samuel	14 MI Inf	K	St. Johns	X		X	65
Kiseling, John G.	NY H Art	I	St. Johns			X	
Lake, A.L.	1 MI Eng	E	St. Johns	X			
Lamb, M.	26 MI Inf	D	Elsie			X	
Land, Charles	5 MI Inf	F	Riley			X	
Larkins, James	23 MI Inf	8/A	St. Johns	X	X	X	61
Laudis, Henry	11 MI Inf	I	Elsie		X		
Leeland, William M.	8 MI Inf	A	St. Johns			X	60
Letts, Abner	1 MI Cav	D	Elsie			X	
Lewis, Richard C.	23 MI Inf	A	St. Johns	X	X		
Libey, George W.	4 MI Inf	G/D	St. Johns	X	X	X	
Loewe, Oscar	30 MI Vol Inf	A	St. Johns			X	
Lyon, Harvey	1 MI Eng	E	St. Johns	X	X		
Lyon, William	136 OH Inf	A	St. Johns				58
Madden, James H.	3 MI Cav	M	St. Johns		X		
Marsh, Charles	6 MI Cav	L	Bath		X		
Marshall, George C.	1 NY Lt Art	M	St. Johns				59
Martin, Anthony	14 MI Inf	K	Fowler		X		78
Mattoon, George B./P.	27 MI Inf	D/I	St. Johns	X	X	X	71
McCloud, John	27 MI Inf	B	St. Johns			X	
McDonald, Murdo	17 NY Lt Art/Ind Batt	-	St. Johns	X	X		
Mead, L.C.	22 MI Inf	J	St. Johns	X			
Merrell, D.M.	2 MI Cav	L	Ovid		X		
Miller, Andrew J.	6 MI Cav	E	St. Johns	X		X	
Miller, Jonathan	1 MI Lt Art	I	Riley			X	
Miller, John P.	23 MI Inf	I	Pewamo			X	
Montis, John	4 OH Inf	A	St. Johns				63
Moore, Joseph E.	311A Inf	D	Elsie		X	X	65
Morgan, William W.	111 OH Inf	I	Eagle			X	
Morris, Wayne E.	23 MI Inf	A	St. Johns	X	X	X	67
Morrison, Alex	24 MI Inf	H	St. Johns		X		
Morrison, R.G.	-	-	St. Johns	X			
Morse, Warren	3 NY Inf	I	Victor		X		

NAME	UNIT	CO.	RESIDENCE	1900	1901	1902	1903
Moshier, Daniel	8 MI Inf	B	St. Johns	X			
Mull, William J.	12 MI Inf	B	St. Johns	X	X	X	67
Neurenburg, Joseph	14 MI Inf	F	Westph/St.Johns			X	74
Newman, S.W.	2 MI Cav	H	Laingsburg			X	
Norris, Silas W.	9 NY Vol Inf/H Art.	E	DeWitt			X	
Norton, W.A.	(Hon. Member)				X		
Oding/Odin, Fred H.	10 MI Inf	-	Riley	X	X	X	
Otts, Amter B.	10 MI Inf	K	Wacousta			X	
Parker, N.B.	2 MI Inf	G	Ovid				63
Parker, W.D.	2 MI Inf	G	Ovid		X		
Parks, J.E.	85 NY Inf	B/D	S. Riley/Victor	X	X		
Parmalee, Noble S.	4 MI Inf	F	St. Johns	X	X	X	62
Parris, Charles L.	14 NY H Art	G	Owosso			X	
Patterson, Henry J.	3 MI Inf-old	G	St. Johns	X	X	X	62
Patterson, J.L.	8 MI In	B/D	Fowler		X		64
Patterson, John	10 MI Cav	G	St. Johns	X		X	67
Patterson, Selden J.	3 MI Cav	G	Eureka		X		
Phelps, C.E.	15 MI Inf	K	Bath			X	
Pohl, Peter	2 MI Inf	I	Westphalia			X	
Potter, Frank W.	1 MI Lt Art/Batt 1		Laingsburg			X	
Pound, Asa	4 MI Cav	B	Laingsburg		X	X	
Pung, Peter	14 MI Cav	F	Westphalia			X	
Randolph, James F.	88 OH Inf	-	Eureka	X			
Reed/Reid, Addison	11 MI Inf	K	St. Johns	X	X		
Richards, S.L.	1 MI Eng	D	St. Johns	X			
Ring, J.L.	7 IL Vol Inf	H	St. Johns	X			
Robb, Andrew	23 MI Inf	G	St. Johns		X	X	
Russell, A.	5 MI Cav	G	Eureka			X	
Sage, H.A.	23 NY Ind Bat	K	St. Johns	X		X	
Seaton, William	23 MI Inf	A	Ovid		X		
Sexton, J.W.	24 MI Inf	H	Laingsburg			X	
Shoyer, R.	61 US Inf	E	St. Johns				61
Simpson, George	27 MI Inf	I	Victor		X		
Simson, George W.	23 IL Inf Vol/27 MI Cav	F	Ovid	X		X	
Sitts, E.A.	10 MI Cav	11	St. Johns	X			
Sleight, James D.	150 NY Inf	H	Laingsburg			X	
Smith, E.B.	10 MI Inf	D/I	St. Johns		X		
XSmith, Emory B.	10 MI Cav	F/I	St. Johns	X		X	
Smith, William H.	8 MI Inf	B	Eurek/St.Johns	X	X	X	82
Southworth, Silas B.	27 MI Inf	I	Ovid		X		
Sowle, George H.	5 MI Cav	G	St. Johns	X			
Stevenson, G.W.	15 MI Inf	F	St. Johns	X			

NAME	UNIT	CO.	RESIDENCE	1900	1901	1902	1903
Stimpson, George	11 MO Cav	H	St. Johns				58
Stocker, William N.	22/23/27 MI Inf	F	St. Johns	X	X	X	58
Stone, Jesse E.	10 MI Cav	F/I	St. Johns	X	X	X	X
Sweeney, James	15 IN Inf	B	Bath			X	59
Sweeney, W.H.	8 IL Inf	F	Bath			X	62
Temple, S.W.	23 MI Inf	G	Eureka		X		
Thiell, John	140 NY Inf	G	St. Johns		X		
Tucker, Ben	6 MI Cav	E	Duplain		X		
Tucker, Joseph S.	10 MI Cav/Inf	I	St. Johns	X		X	65
Tuckes, Horace	1 MI Cav	D	St. John				61
Turner, Silas	8 MI Inf	C	Eureka	X			
Upton, N.L.	27 MI Inf	I	Victor		X		
VanBurger, E.S.	5 MI Cav	A	Ovid			X	
Vanburger, J.D.	1 MI Cav	B/D	St. Johns/Victor		X	X	
Vreeland, Delos	26 MI Inf	F	St. Johns	X			
Wager, Andrew H.	107 NY V Inf	H	DeWitt/St.Johns	X	X	X	59
Warren, Frank	1 MI Lancers	D	Laingsburg			X	
Webster, Carl A.	5 MI Cav	G	Maple Rapids			X	
Wells, George A.	8 MI Inf	A	St. Johns			X	
West, George H.	24 MI Inf	K	Ovid		X		
Whitaker, Ormal	103 OH V Inf	H	St. Johns			X	
Wilkins, Lenord	80 NY Vol Inf	D	St. Johns			X	
Willett, E.D.	8 MI Inf	B	Maple Rapids		X		
Williams, H.C.	5 MI Inf	D	Wacousta			X	
Willyoung, C.	11 IN Cav	K	Fowler	X			61
Wilson, Orrin E.	102/103MI/US Inf	K	St. Johns	X		X	55
Wilson, Warren	26 MI Inf	H	Bath		X	X	
Wise, J.G.	13 MI Inf	E	St. Johns				59
Worden, J.	27 MI Inf	-	Victor		X		
Worden, James H.	10 MI Inf	H	Elsie			X	
Youngs, William M.	3 MI Cav	K	Fowler		X		
Youngs, Benjamin F.	23 MI Inf	A	St. Johns	X	X	60	☺

FIVE GENERATION CHARTS

We like to publish family charts and family sheets. If you would like to have your family information published in this newsletter, be sure your copy dark enough to reproduce. The chart on the following page was submitted by Arlene (Conley) Smith.

Pedigree Chart

No. 1 on this chart is the same as no. 1 on chart no. 1

Chart no. 1

4 Edgar Mark Willis CONLEY	8 Philip W. CONLEY	16 John CONLEY s/Nicholas
B: 7 Jun 1847 P: Albion, NY M: P: D: 1920 P: Lansing, Ingham Co., MI	B: 22 Apr 1818 P: Canada?/ Albion, N.Y. M: P: D: P:	B: 4 Nov 1779 cont. D: 5 Oct 1857
2 Harry Alfred CONLEY	9 Maribea/Marilla BEACH ?	17 Elizabeth WILTSE
B: 5 Jun 1894 P: Caldonia Twp., Shi. Co., MI M: 10 Oct 1922 P: Detroit, MI D: 1 Dec 1971 P: St. Johns, Cl. Co., MI	B: 1824 P: Date @ D: 1852 P: Date @ (prob) Albion, NY	B: 4 Nov 1784 cont. D: 4 Dec 1874
5 Sarah Elizabeth HUNTLEY	10 Arthur HUNTLEY	18
B: Jun 1856 P: Caldonia Twp., Shi. Co., MI D: Mar 1915 P: Caldonia Twp., Shi. Co., MI	B: 1794 P: NY M: P: D: 24 Apr 1890 P: Caldonia Twp, Shiawassee Co., MI	B: cont. D:
1 Arlene Barbara CONLEY	11 Esther RAYMOND	20 John HUNTLEY
B: 21 Aug 1931 P: Lansing, Ingham Co., MI M: P: D: P:	B: 22 May 1816 P: NY D: 15 May 1902 P: Caldonia Twp., Shiawassee Co., MI	B: 1875 cont. D:
6 Eddy PAYNE	12 Day PAYNE	21 (Mrs. Hawkins)
B: 20 Dec 1887 P: Washington Twp., Gratiot Co., MI M: 11 Jul 1886 P: D: 1 Mar 1933 P: St. Johns, Clinton Co., MI	B: 20 Dec 1831 P: Panama/Ann Arbor, MI M: P: D: 8 Feb 1913 P: Maple Rapids, Clinton Co., MI	B: cont. D:
3 Jessie Mae PAYNE	13 Prudence RANDOLPH	22 Ira RAYMOND
B: 28 Dec 1893 P: Gratiot Co., MI D: 5 Nov 1979 P: St. Johns, Cl. Co., MI	B: 19 Feb 1833 P: Plymouth, Wayne Co., MI D: 1907 P:	B: cont. D:
7 Ada Estell CAROTHERS	14 William CAROTHERS	23 Esther ? w/Ira Raymond
B: 18 Apr 1865 P: Gratiot Co., MI D: 10 Sep 1934 P: St. Johns, Clinton Co., MI	B: 14 Feb 1826 P: Jerusalem, Wayne Co., NY M: P: D: 6 Nov 1901 P: Gratiot Co., MI	B: cont. D:
Prepared 21 May 1996 by: Arlene (Conley) Smith	15 Sarah JACK	24 Arnold PAYNE/PAINÉ
	B: 17 Jul 1831 P: Steuben Co., MI D: 11 Jun 1924 P:	B: 1800 cont. D: 24 Nov 1879
		25 Loanna PARKER
		B: cont. D:
		26 Augustus RANDOLPH
		B: 1801 cont. D: 1863
		27 Mary Ann EDDY
		B: 1811 cont. D: 13 Mar 1893
		28 William CAROTHERS
		B: 1800 cont. D: 21 Jul 1876
		29 Mary THURSTON
		B: 19 Nov 1804 cont. D:
		30 James JACK
		B: 25 Feb 1803 cont. D: 22 Apr 1864
		31 Melissa ROSS
		B: 14 Oct 1803 cont. D: 11 Jun 1924

SIGN DEDICATION AND BALL GAME JULY 4, 1996

Submitted by: Betty Jane Minsky

The Clinton County Historical Society will mark July 4 with a dedication ceremony for a new historical marker being placed by the Society at Shepardsville to mark the spot where the first football game in Michigan was played 101 years ago. The \$2,000-plus cost is coming from funds donated last July 4 when the Society sponsored a 100th anniversary game at the site. The brief dedication ceremony begins at 10:15 a.m. to be followed by another football game at 10:30. The sign site is in a field by Alderman's Store on M-21 and Shepardsville Road, midway between St. Johns and Ovid. The ball game will be on the Shepardsville Methodist Church grounds just north of Alderman's on Shepardsville Road. Everyone is invited to attend both events and heartier souls are urged to participate in the impromptu game. Watch local media for details as plans are firmed up.

(President's confession: I promised a complete report for the newsletter after last years' game but many loose ends were left to be tied up with the dedication this year and it was impossible to have a complete list. We continued to gain new helpers for the sign construction. Included are several men who are putting up the brick monument-like structure to hold the bronze plaque. So, after this year's game I'll do a complete round-up, with names, of who did what in both years and that should wrap up the project.) ☺

HISTORY FAIR PLANS

The Clinton County Historical Society wants to have a History Fair. We are in

the planning stages and looking towards October for a date and place. .

Historical and genealogical groups may sell their publications or fund raiser items. Anyone with pictures, collections or interesting items are encouraged to display them. Let's be sure every community in Clinton County is represented here, as well as surrounding areas. We hope to have entertainment and interesting presentations of historical interest for all ages.

Anyone wishing to become a part of this festival may contact chairperson; Arlene Smith, 224-3675. ☺

HOME TOUR 1996

Plans for a "Home Tour" is in the making. It is being sponsored by the "Friends of the Museum" and is scheduled for Sep. 14 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Homes scheduled for the tour are Dorman, Watson, Deveau, Wood, Carpenter, as well as the Ruth Neihart office, the Congregational Church & the Episcopal Church. ☺

OPEN HOUSE HELD AT ARCHIVES

On May 6, an open house was held at the archives. Between 2 and 8 p.m. about fifty people, most of whom had never before sought it out, came to acquaint themselves with the facility and view the displays.

Thanks are due the many people who helped pull off the event: Arlene Smith created brochures and invitations; she also donated genealogy forms to give away. Thomas Thiell and Neil Van Epps cleaned, washed windows, dusted, and mopped the room. Arlene Smith, Tom Thiell and Neil Van Epps helped set up displays and refreshments and re-arrange furniture--then finally put it all away again.

Serving as hosts and guides were Tom

Thiell, William Serviss, Janet Dunn, Wilma Sowle, Jackie Lankford, Neil Van Epps and Maralyse Brooks. All these same people and several others furnished an array of cookies too. ☺

HELP! INFORMATION NEEDED ON LEVI MILLS WHO SETTLED IN BATH TOWNSHIP

We are fortunate that the Michigan Wildlife Habitat Foundation has decided to locate its' new state headquarters on a site in Bath Township. A million-dollar drive is underway to raise funds.

The Foundation is generating a lot of news coverage with the 50-plus project because it includes an environmental-outdoors learning center. In addition to gathering information on the ecology of the site, the Foundation also seeks historical information for its' publications and news releases.

As a long-time supporter of the foundation I can attest to the many accomplishments of the organization and I feel this will be a good tie in for the Clinton County Historical Society. Levi Mills settled on the site in the mid-1800's. The site is part of a larger chunk of land the City of Lansing has owned for many years and which had been called Priggeris Park. It was never developed as a park and gained considerable notoriety about 20 years ago when the bodies of two young Lansing women were dumped there.

The Foundation is interested in gathering information on the settler, Levi Mills; and on owners between Mills and the City of Lansing.

This may be a good project for the genealogists. Any information and/or pictures that can be dug up should be sent

to Betty Jane Minsky at 1738 E Silvers Road, St Johns, 48879. I will make certain that news clips are sent to the genealogists as the project develops and on their later events so names and events can be excerpted. Thanks for any help any of you can give me. ☺

CORRECTION

I would like to correct a statement in the article regarding the archives which was published in the local newspapers. I take no credit for creating or founding of the archives.

I was a very early member of the Historical Society at the time when members interested in genealogy were meeting to exchange ideas and talk about family research. There was no archives at the time, and only as time went by and members realized how much material each one had collected, did the subject of the putting all our collected material together for the benefit of others come up. Not until we found a place to put this material was anything collected.

All members at the time were involved, and each did their share of the work without compensation. To these early members should go the credit for something which has grown over the years. I am glad to have been a part of this project which has continued to grow over the years, but it would never have happened without the effort of many others who gave their time and effort in the beginning. **Wilma Sowle** ☺

RESEARCHING THESE NAMES?

Members may submit five surnames to be published in the newsletter, as space permits, when thy submit their membership dues. See membership form on the last page of this newsletter. Non members may submit five name for a \$2 fee

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LOOKING FOR ALASKA GOLD RUSHERS

(Taken from *Alaska Miner*, Jan. 1996)

During the gold rush centennial to be celebrated in Alaska and the Yukon, beginning in 1996, it will be easier than ever for descendants of prospectors and pioneers to trace their Alaska roots.

- To obtain a *Guide to Gold Rush Genealogy*, call the Office of History and Archaeology at 907-269-8721.
- A computer database called "Ancestors," containing references to about 130,000 Alaskan pioneers is available through the Elmer E. Rasmuson Library at the Univ. of Alaska Fairbanks. 907-474-7261.
- Access the World Wide Web at <http://wwwGold-Rush.org> for a database called, *Ghosts of the Gold Rush*, which offers information on 180,000 stampeders.
- For actual records of births, deaths, and marriages, contact the Alaska Bur. of Vit. Stat. at 907-465-3392; or Vit. Stat., Yukon Terr. at 403-667-5207.
- For mining records, call 907-762-2437.
- The Bureau of Indian Affairs Enrollment Office in Juneau (907-586-6735) holds genealogical information on Alaska natives. ☺

RECENT ACQUISITIONS AT THE ARCHIVES

- Family Bible Records and Marriage Certificates of **Truman T. Olin, Chauncey D. Wollcott and Prudence Wolcott**.
- Genealogical charts and papers regarding the **Silas Parks** family and **Peter Parks** aka **Jim Fisher/Fitcher**.
- 14 issues of *News of the Coonradt Sedore Clan*, the **Sedore** family newsletter.
- **Gilbreath** family genealogical charts.
- *The Loyalists of Massachusetts, Their Memorials, Petitions & Claims*; 1995.
- *Greater Shiawassee Co. Directory*, 1994.
- *Orig. Shiawassee Co. Directory*, 1991.
- *Mt. Rest Cemetery Index to Burials, 1855-1995*.
- Three recent issues of *The Family Tree Magazine*, a British periodical.
- Family index cards prepared by **Sam Pardee**.
- Large group of periodicals, mostly 1994-95 issues of the following:
 - Maine Genealogist*
 - ME Gen. Soc. Newsletter*
 - York Co. [ME] Gen. Society Journal*
 - NH Soc. of Gen. Newsletter*
 - NH Gen. Record*
 - Connections, Kimball Fam. Assoc. Newsltr.*
 - Essex Genealogist*
 - New England Hist. & Gen. Register*
 - American Genealogist*
- 1896 Michigan map photo, showing railroad routes and stations.
- Scrapbook compiled by **Geraldine Workman**.
- Aldrich School, Victor Twp.: 1924 class picture and 1930 student reunion picture (newspaper clippings).
- Grove School, Victor Twp.: 1911 class book and ca 1906 class picture (newspaper clippings).
- Subscription to DAR Magazine. ☺